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### Christian Duty To Filipinos

Is it not a fact that much of the crime charged up to the Filipinos of this Territory may be indirectly the result of neglect on the part of our own earnest, well-meaning, Christian people?

To explain: On this island (and it is presumably the same all over) educational, Y. M. C. A. and what may be bunched under the general head of missionary effort has been focused on the Japanese and Koreans. There has been for several years a well directed and effective effort in behalf of the latter two peoples, but for some reason which is hard to understand the Filipinos have been left out of it.

Turn anywhere you will and you will find Japanese churches, the Y. M. C. A. for Japanese and church societies and institutions of various kinds for educating and Christianizing the subjects of the Mikado in our midst. Work on behalf of the Koreans is none the less strenuous and notable—in fact one denomination of the Christian faith in the Islands concentrates its missionary effort upon the Koreans.

Where are the Filipino churches? Where are the Filipino educational and training institutions? Where in the Filipino camps at any time are to be found men of God engaged in such work as is being done for the Japanese and Koreans? What is the Y. M. C. A. trying to do for Filipinos?

Let us be frank with ourselves about this matter. There is something missing—it has been missing a long time, and a large section of the population dependent upon us for educational advantages and Christian guidance is going to the bad. We do not lay at this door the entire blame for Filipino outlaws and general meanness. Much is the natural result of unwholesome environment and lack of Christian advantages in youth. Nor do we suggest any relaxation of effort on behalf of other people whose "keeper" we have become—voluntarily or otherwise. The movement, or endeavor, or whatever you wish to term it, should be increased to the extent that the Filipino is brought fully within its scope. That is the shortest road we know of for the elimination of charges now so frequently made against Filipino character, and is our plain Christian duty.

### Progress Of Universal Service

The United States Chamber of Commerce has completed a poll of its member organizations throughout the country, including the Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu, on the question of preparedness, with the remarkable showing of 889 for and 56 against the proposal. This expression, of course, is that of the cities and does not indicate, except, perhaps, in a very slight, general way, what the rural communities think about it. It was to be supposed, in this time of agitation in favor of preparedness, that the cities would support the idea; but it is really surprising that the vote in the affirmative should have been so overwhelmingly large.

Only a very short time ago universal military service in the United States was looked upon as a blight, and the same view was reflected in the public opinion of these Islands. It was a relic of a system from which free America was working away, and any step toward it would be a backward move. It was the curse of Europe. We would have none of it. Had a vote of the commercial bodies on the question been taken two years ago, it is safe to say that it would have been overwhelmingly discarded, and even a year ago a majority in favor of it would probably have been impossible. That the chambers of commerce of the country, each chamber having one vote, should stand 889 for preparedness and only 56 against is one of the most impressive incidents of the day.

But even this does not mean that we are to have universal service now or even in the near future. The cities in the United States do not control, and the question would still have to pass the searching scrutiny of Mr. Farmer, if you please. They might do it under extraordinary circumstances, but it is difficult to conceive of the farmers of the United States voting in favor of universal military service. Thus we may never have anything like it as a national expedient until we have been soundly licked by somebody and the importance of it brought home to the farmer in that way.

The general trend, however, is away from license and in the direction of discipline, and that will help a great deal toward a result which will come in America sooner or later. The next ten years will likely show a change in conditions that today we would contemplate almost with awe.

### Hawaii's Convention Representation

There seems to be an idea in the Islands that in cutting down Hawaii's representation in Republican conventions this Territory has been singled out for a slam. Such is not the case. The Republican party has for a long time been working on a plan for more adequately distributing the representation in proportion to the votes cast for the party's presidential candidate in the various States. Following out the idea in its strictest sense, Hawaii would really have no representation in the nominating conventions at all, for we have no vote for president.

But as a matter of fact, Hawaii was never considered in the scheme for a moment. In developing the plan the party had in mind larger problems or, rather, one larger problem, and that was the South. Since 1876 the Southern States have been coming into Republican conventions with delegations as large as States showing Republican pluralities, whereas on election day the party has made no showing in those States worth talking about. The system has been kept going from election year to election year on the promise and hope that an improvement would be shown.

Under the new plan, put into effect since the convention of 1912, Georgia has 16 delegates instead of 28; Louisiana and Mississippi each have 12 in place of 20; Texas 26 in place of 40; Virginia 16 in place of 24; Alabama the same, and so on. All of these States show up almost solidly Democratic in the elections, so that even the proportions now allowed would seem to be large if representation is to be a reward for "goods delivered."

Of course Hawaii wants all she can get, and undoubtedly we should fight for the original six delegates as against two under the revised schedule; but under the circumstances above briefly outlined it is not one of those things that we should throw a fit about in event of failure.

THE STEVEDORE element of the Pacific coast is made up of human driftwood—the ne'er-to-do-wells from far and near; and the only reason they do not frequently make trouble is that they have been unable to trust each other. The recent strikes are the outgrowth of enforced shipments of Hawaiian sugar through San Francisco, caused by the closing of the Panama canal. When these shipments started the bosses of the stevedores saw in the situation a chance for a hold-up and made the effort, at the expense, also, of all shipping along the Coast. It goes to show that Hawaii must rely on the Panama canal as a sugar route. Even slides are less hazardous than the hold-up games of San Francisco's labor sharks.

WE UNDERSTAND that the Educational Committee of the Kauai Chamber of Commerce has received from the Department of Education a full statement of its reasons for dropping the Browns from the list of school teachers on this island, and that it shows the trouble to be a departmental in place of a local trouble, or controversy. We anticipated that it would turn out that way. Now let calmness and good judgment prevail in further consideration of the matter.

IN PLACE OF regular forces being drawn from the Islands for service in Mexico it now develops that the army on Oahu is to be increased by more than two thousand men. The strategists of the Islands who had been figuring on the National Guard going to Honolulu to relieve regulars destined for Mexico lost sight of one thing, i. e.: The new law increases the regular army to the extent that in place of requiring troops for Mexican service from here there will be new regiments to spare for both Hawaii and the Philippines.

SICKNESS ATTACKED the type department of THE GARDEN ISLAND the past week, taking a few lines of trenches. Moreover, before it could be driven off this issue of the paper was left in a disappointingly be draggled condition.

A MESSAGE from the Kaiser to the King of Spain, sent by submarine, was successfully delivered at Madrid a few days ago. This is another of the startling accomplishments of the war, and indicates a near day when small merchantmen will be running under water to escape the battleships and airships above them.

THE WITHDRAWAL of Roosevelt from the presidential race, and his decision to support Mr. Hughes, enormously advances the stock of the latter. Mr. Hughes is probably without his peer as an executive or a jurist in the United States, and should make a satisfactory president in every particular.

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